

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of: KAR W. YUNG, et al.

Date: September 18, 2000

Serial No. 08/949,988

Group Art Unit: 3644

Filed: November 14, 1997

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MAXIMIZING  
SATELLITE CONSTELLATION COVERAGE

Examiner: T. Dinh

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTERBox Non-Fee AmendmentAssistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Applicant petitions for an extension of time for months(s) to respond to the Office Action dated \_\_\_\_\_. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor of \_\_\_\_\_ Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Extension fee due with this request \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated June 19, 2000. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

☒ No additional fee for claims is required.

\_\_\_\_\_ The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		
TOTAL CLAIMS	minus	=	0	x	\$ 18.00	\$-0-
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	minus	=	0	x	\$ 78.00	\$-0-
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS				+	\$ 260.00	\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:						\$ 0-

Charge \$-0- to Deposit Account No. 50-0383 of Hughes Electronics Corporation, El Segundo, California. Please charge any additional fees for claims or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. If any additional extension fee is required, please charge to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. **This form is submitted in triplicate.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Michael W. Sales*  
MICHAEL W. SALES, Registration No.: 30,213  
Filed under 37CFR 1.34(a)

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, DC 20231 on **September 18, 2000**.

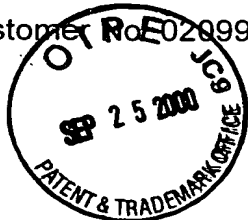
Date of Deposit

CUSTOMER NUMBER 020991  
HUGHES ELECTRONICS CORPORATION  
Patent Docket Administration  
Bldg. 001, M/S A109  
PO Box 956  
El Segundo, CA 90245-0956  
Telephone: (310) 662-9920

*Michael W. Sales*  
MICHAEL W. SALES, Registration No.: 30,213

\* If less than 20, insert 20 \*\* If less than 3, insert 3

Customer No. 020991



Patent  
PD-96315  
RECEIVED  
SEP 28 2000  
3500 MAIL ROOM

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Date: September 18, 2000

KAR W. YUNG, et al.

Serial No.: 08/949,988

Examiner: Tien Dinh

Filed: October 14, 1997  
3644

Group Art Unit:

For: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MAXIMIZING SATELLITE  
CONSTELLATION COVERAGE**

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Attention: Box Non-Fee Amendment

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 19, 2000 (Paper No. 18), in the above-identified application. This response is timely filed as it is being submitted within the three (3) month period set for response.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

1. (Thrice Amended) A method for maximizing satellite constellation coverage at predetermined local times for a set of predetermined geographic locations, the method comprising: